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REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

HAGERSTOWN, MD., OCTOBER 1, 1912.

To the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Free Library.

Gentlemen -

I have the honor to submit the eleventh annual report of the Washington County Free Library, in which the Librarian gives a full account of the work of the Library during the past year.

It will be remembered that the beginning of the past year was for the Library, because of financial embarrassment, a time of anxiety and discouragement. Certain resources which had come into its possession for the increase of its work, had been practically exhausted; the annual income from Mr. Newcomer's bequest, together with the annual appropriation from the County and City, was quite insufficient to maintain the work in the extended form which it had come to assume; and it seemed probable that it would be necessary to abridge the activities of the Library,—indeed, these were, in a measure, and for a time, so abridged.

Nevertheless, the latter part of the year has been marked by such renewed activity and progress as almost entirely to make up for any previous depression or loss. It is gratifying to observe that the circulation of the past year, 103,371 volumes, shows an increase over the record of the previous year of 18,519, and that there has been an increase of 397 in the number of registrations. In all its departments, in the work of the central Library, in the children's room, in the work mong the schools, in the deposit stations, and in some respects especially in the work of extension throughout the county by means of the book wagon, there has been renewed and increased activity. The Library has extended its work to the Washington County Hospital, to the Hagerstown Board of Trade, and to literary centers in Martinsburg, W. Va., and Berryville, Charles Town, and Winchester, Va. It has proved itself to be an efficient and important educational force in the county to which it belongs. It has also served a useful purpose as a center for various associations which have within recent years come into existence among us, such as the Current Events Club, the Civic League, the Society of Workers for the Blind, the Washington County Historical Society, the Alumni Association of the Washington County High School, and the local Auxiliary of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

This revival of activity has been made possible chiefly by the generosity of one of the members of this Board, William Kealhofer, Esq., who, within the past year, came to the relief of the Library's embarrassment by presenting to it the sum of 2,500. The Library was thus enabled to replace its book wagon (destroyed two years ago in a railroad accident) by purchasing an automobile, and thus to renew and increase its characteristic and important work of Library extension into the remoter portions of the county; and also to make certain needed and very useful improvements in the basement of the

Library building.

The accompanying financial statement will show the receipts and disbursements of the year, and the present financial condition of the Library. The large bequest of its chief benefactor, the first President of this Board, Mr. Edward Windsor Mealey, has not yet come into its possession. It will however, before long become available. When it is received, the Library will have sufficient, though not more than sufficient, means for the carrying forward of its increased and increasing work, and for rendering that important service which it aims to render to the community to which it belongs. And it is to be hoped that wisdom may be given to this Board to use the means thus received in such a manner as to realize and fulfil the desires and plans of Mr. Mealey in regard to the institution in which, living, he took so great an interest, and to which, dying, he left, for the benefit of his fellow-citizens, so liberal a portion of his estate.

Respectfully,
J. Spangler Kieffer,

President of the Board.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees:—

The eleventh Annual Report of the Washington County Free Library covering the period between October first 1911 and October first 1912, is herewith respectfully submitted.

It will be remembered that at the beginning of the year our financial condition was most discouraging; the sum of money given by Mr. Carnegie for the work of county extension was nearly exhausted while the bequest of the late President of the Board, Mr. Edward Windsor Mealey had not yet become available, and the experience of previous years had shown conclusively that the income derived from the Newcomer Fund and from the appropriation made by the county and city was entirely inadequate to the prosecution of the work.

There seemed no alternative to that of curtailing the work to fit the diminished resources. At this juncture Mr. William Kealhofer presented the Library with the sum of \$2,500, and it is solely by reason of this most timely gift that the year has been one of progress and efficiency.

We record also the legacy to the Library of the curios and library of Mr. John P. Smith of Sharpsburg in this county. Conspicuous in value among the many objects of interest in the collection, are various early records of colonial and revolutionary times.

Contents of the Library.

During the year, 1166 volumes have been acquired by purchase and 614 by gift, the latter principally from the library of Mr. Mealey. Ninety nine periodicals have been bound and placed upon the shelf making a total increase of 1,879 volumes. One thousand volumes have been rebound, 288 have been worn out and replaced and 94 have been withdrawn as not worth replacement, leaving the total number of volumes in the Library October first, 23509. As the numerous channels into which the books go, necessitates frequent duplication it is probable that this number of volumes does not represent more than from seventeen to eighteen thousand separate titles.

This year the addition to the musical department created and supported by the Alumnae Association of Kee Mar Col-

lege consists of the scores of musical works rather than anything on the literature of music, of which the Library already has the nucleus of a collection.

Circulation.

(Miss Chrissinger in Charge)

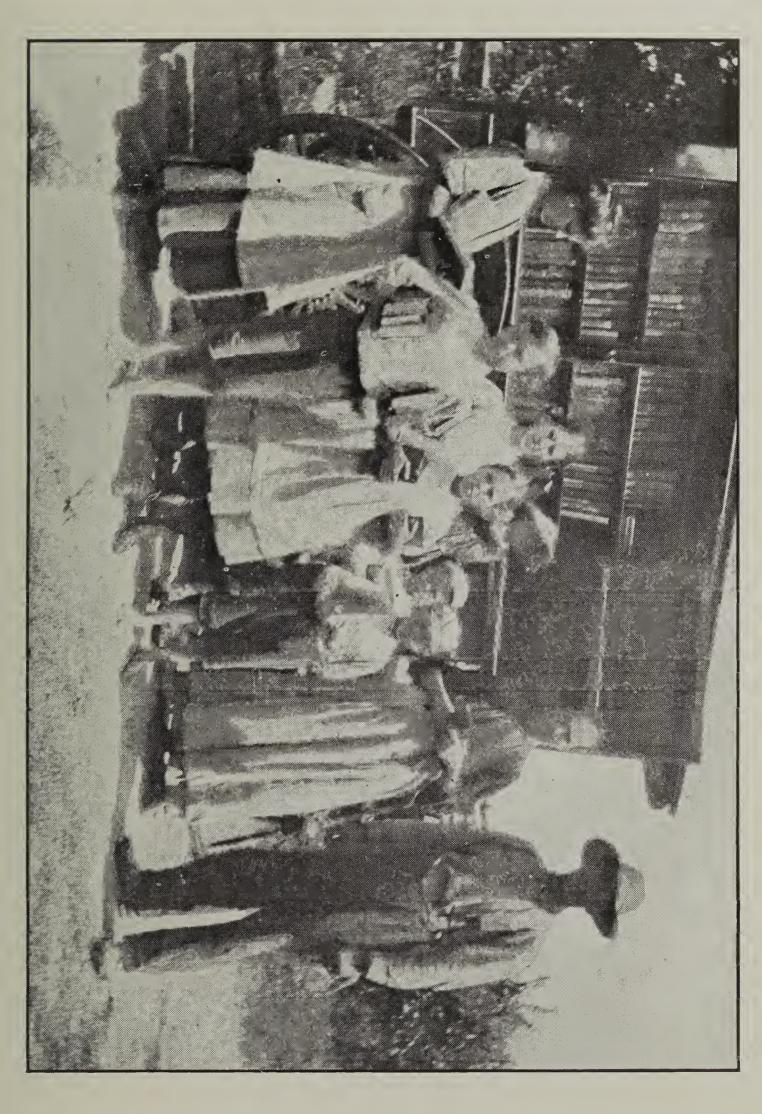
55.661 volumes have been circulated to adults at the Central Library and 19,353 to children. Adding to these numbers the circulation through the schools, motor, and stations, the aggregate for the year amounts to 103,371 volumes a gain of 18,519 over last year,—distinctly the result of more adequate funds. Thus in twelve months we nearly recouped ourselves from the depression of the two lean years, 1910 and 1911, our highwater mark having been 1909 when the circulation was 107,000.--264 borrowers numbers have been cancelled and used again, and there has been an increase of 897 in the registrattions making the total number of names registered at the Library, residents of Hagerstown alone, 9,656.

Children's Room.

Circulation, 19,353, attendance, 18,192, new registrations, 339. During the year several stereopticon talks were given to the children and to organizations i. e. the Junior Civic League, Boy Scouts. Major Byron gave one talk to the boys and girls with the purpose of interesting them in the work of cleaning up the alleys and back yards, illustrating the talk with slides showing local conditions. The fly campaign conducted by Mrs. Parlin under the auspices of the Civic League used the children's room as headquarters.

The Saturday morning story hour for the little people was continued. No program was followed, and the children were often allowed to choose their favorites among the old familiars. The informality and entire spontaneity of this particular story group is very delightful to both children and librarian. There were three series of stories told to the Friday night groups.

The first series of Chaucer tales was told principally from Mary McLeod's book of ballad stories. These were followed by stories from Shakespeare's Plays, Twelfth Night, Midsummer Night's Dream, Tempest, Merchant of Venice. One particularly pleasant evening was spent with Sir Galahad as shown in the Abbey Pictures. These illustrations serve to give an idea of the varied uses to which the stor yhour is





put. 2,131 children attended the story hour during the year. The weekly story hour at Boonsboro was continued by Miss Semler with an attendance of 266.

Work with the Schools.

(Miss Barkdoll.)

The school work has also taken a leap forward after the rather depressing report of last year. Nearly four hundred more books have been used in the school than before, but, of more importance is the increased interest and appreciation of the teachers. The Library car is also playing its part in the school work this year, for by this means it has become possible to visit the ungraded schools in the country, come in contact with the teachers, and supply them with just the right books, a much more economical arrangement than the sending of small collections which, with the most careful thought, did not always meet the exact needs. Four of the five schools in the city have given the library space for books, and set aside one period when the teachers may meet the school librarian, who goes to the school building once in two weeks, to receive and exchange the books and pictures, and confer with them as to their future needs. This is a great advance in efficiency A collection of books for the use of the teachers has also been placed in the Reading Room at Boonsboro in charge of the librarian at that place.

County Extension.

(Book Wagon. Miss Chrissinger.)

Last March the Library purchased an automobile especially equipped and adapted for rural delivery of books. Mr. E. A. Corderman was engaged as chauffeur and Miss Chrissinger put in charge. Despite the fact that summer is the season when the farmer and his family are most occupied, interest has everywhere been evident and good results have been obtained. In the past six months three quarters of the county has been thoroughly covered, ten new routes having been laid out in addition to the fifteen already opened.

Wherever the old wagon had gone, its absence had been keenly felt, and the new one was hailed with expressions of pleasure and satisfaction, while 342 new families availed themselves of the opportunity for use of the books. Several places were found where only the children could read or write and their knowledge of books was limited to those they had used

in school. In one such family the fifteen year old daughter had saved every penny she could earn, with which to buy books and already had a collection of sixteen.

At another cabin where a family of six of seven lived in two small rooms, the mother said with tears in her eyes, "You've no idea how much I enjoy having the children read to me!"

The advantage of sending a trained library worker out with the wagon is seen in the fact that she is increasingly depended upon to select the books, and meeting people in their own homes, can study conditions and suit the book to the individual.

The call for books of a practical nature has been constant, and often it has been impossible to supply the demand. Everywhere the people are looking to the library for the best and latest methods of truck gardening, fruit raising, agriculture in all its phases, while the farmer's wife welcomes any new suggestions in dairying, domestic science and poultry culture.

Turning to the deposit stations, six, which had been abandoned because of difficulty of access have been resumed and three new ones have been placed finding us at the end of the year with stations at sixty-six different points.

Branch Libraries.

The Boonsboro Reading Room has maintained its efficient service to the people of that town, and has continued to receive a fortnightly collection from the Central Library.

At Hancock, there have been two deposit stations for a number of years, but this year it has been possible to inaugurate for this village a more efficient system of service. Dr. J. A. West has generously given sufficient space in his centrally located drug store for a book case with glass doors, a chair and desk. The case is filled with an attractive collection of books of all classes. Wednesday has been advertised as Library Day in the Hancock Star and in the Schools, and Miss Barkdoll from the Central Library takes the morning train each week spending the day in Hancock, circulating the books, taking requests for others, conferring with the teachers, in effect giving the people a village library with a trained librarian, open one day in the week.





Miscellaneous.

A case of books has been placed in the Washington County Hospital for the use of the nurses and convalescent patients. When the Board of Trade secured its present headquarters, a case of books of interest to business men, and others on municipal affairs, was sent to their rooms. These books are for use there or may be borrowed for home use through Mr. Rothstein, the Secretary.

The opportunity for publicity offered by the annual Hagerstown Fair was utilized by means of an exhibit of books,

pictures, bulletins, etc.

The literary clubs of Martinsburg, Berryville, Charles Town and Winchester, Va., by payment of a subscription fee have been accorded the use of books covering their respective

programs.

Meetings of the Current Event Club, the Civic League, Workers for the Blind, the Washington County Historical Society, the Alumni Association of the Washington County High School and the Washington County Branch of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association have been held at the Library.

During the spring and summer extensive alterations and repairs were made in the basement of the Library, making it a suitable place in which to do work, and relieving the crowd-

ed condition of the upper portion of the building.

Staff.

With the exception of the resignation of Miss Goddard, and the appointment of Miss Lawrence to fill her place, the staff remains the same, and has responded with enthusiasm and energy to the demands of the years work. Miss Barkdoll, Miss Chrissinger and Miss Semler attended the district library meeting at Hanover, Pa., in March. At the meeting of the American Library Association at Ottawa the librarian was in attendance.

She was also present, and talked on the subject of travelling libraries at the meeting of the Keystone State Library Association at Wernersville, Pa.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARY L. TITCOMB,

Librarian.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Number of Volumes in the Library October 1,	•)
Increase by purchase	1166	22,024
Increase by gift	314	
Increase by binding periodicals	99	
Total increase for 1912		1,579
Number of volumes rebound	1000	,
Number of volumes worn out and replaced	288	
Number of volumes worn out and withdrawn	. 94	
Total number of volumes in the Library		00.000
October 1, 1912	2	23,603
Number of week days the Library has been		
open	303	
Number of Sundays the Library has been open	30	
Largest delivery of books at Central Library		
in one day	633	
Smallest delivery of books at the Central Li- in one day	66	
Average daily delivery of books at the Cen-		
tral Library	1694	
Largest Sunday attendance	36	
Smallest Sunday attendance	3	•
Average Sunday attendance	14	
Number of borrowers applications cancelled		
and used again	264	
Number of new registrations for the year	633	
Total number of registrations for the year		897
Number of Stations in the County October 1,		
1911	60	
Number of Stations discontinued during the year	3	
Jul	3	

Number of Stations in the County October 1,	
1912	66
Number of Stations re-established	16
Number new Stations	3
Books issued to County Stations, 1911	5,632
Books issued to County Stations, 1912	10,672
Books sent to class rooms in schools, 1911	1,599
Books sent to class rooms in schools, 1912	1,978
Circulation of books to adults at Central Li-	
brary, 1912	55,661
Circulation of books to the children at Central	
Library, 1912	18192
Circulation of books through stations, 1912	14,672
Circulation of books in schools, 1912	11,682
Total circulation for 1912	102,210
Gain for 1912	17,358

DEPOSIT STATIONS.

PLACE

Antietam Appletown Augusta

Bakersville

Beaver Creek

Benevola

Beautiful View

Big Pool
Big Spring
Breathedsville

Boonsboro Reading Room

Broadfording Brownsville

Byron's Tannery Business Branch

Cavetown Cearfoss Clearspring

Corbett's Addition

Clevelandville Downsville

Four Locks

Fairplay Fairview

Gapland

Greensburg Greenspring

Halfway Highfield Huyetts

Indian Spring Keedysville Leitersburg Mapleville NAME

Peter Otzellberger

E. A. Stone

Mrs. M. C. Donkins

Samuel Lindsay Milton Witmer

H. E. Lovell

Miss Anna Shirk

N. E. Funkhouser

Mrs. F. M. Angle J. E. Routzahn

Miss Carrie Dean

R. W. Dorsey

Mrs. G. T. Brown

A. G. Hoffman

Board of Trade Rooms

Miss A. M. Beamer

V. N. Cunningham J. E. Anderson

D. S. Brown

O. J. Ford

B. Downey

Albert Mellott

M. L. Santman

Ephraim Shank

Wm. Coffman

Mrs. Wm. Schull

E. G. Kinsell

Miss Morin

John Wantz

Wm. E. Cushen

B. E. Shirk

E. Roy Line

Virgie Miller

G. Edw. Smith

Deposit Stations--Continued.

NAME

PLACE

Maugansville E. E. Morgensterne Men's Club St. Mark's Church

Mt. View Creamery A. L. Kinsey

Millstone N. Caplan Pectonville Jeremiah Mason

Pondsvilnle I. B. Glenn

Reid Lester E. Snyder
Ringgold Keng and Sheiss
Roxbury O. J. Stotlemyer

Rohrersville H. C. Hightman

Sandy Hook No. 1 Mrs. W. W. Strippey Sandy Hook No. 2 Mrs. Wolfersberger

Sharpsburg No. 1 V. Mumma

Sharpsburg No. 2 Mrs. Harriet Highbarger

Smithsburg Miss Mollie Shank Smoketown J. W. Renner Spickler V. M. Spickler

Shady Bower Miss Adelia R. Harsh

St. James Village

H. Poffenberger

Tilghmanton

Josiah Bloo m

Trego S. O. Buck West Beaver Creek L. P. Doub

West End
Weverton
A. B. Bingham

Washington County Hospital

Zittlestown J. C. Cline

WORK WITH THE SCHOOLS.

schools	Class Rooms	Books Sent	Circula- tion	Pictures
Antietam	10	4	FOR	100
City	12	155	765	198
Antietam	1	20	200	10
Bridgeport Antietam	Τ	30	200	18
Sharpsburg	2	30	338	18
Boonsboro	1	15	75	18
Buena Vista	1	18	90	12
Broadway	1	1.0	50	1.4
City	12	169	845	216
Bakersville	2	60	408	36
Beaver Creek	2	60	496	36
Broadfording	1	10	32	6
Clearspring	1	30	154	18
Chapel Woods	1	18	66	12
Centre Hill	1	10	22	6
Cavetown	1	30	126	6
Day Nursery	1	5	25	
Downsville	2	38	242	36
Elgin	1	26	130	18
Eakles	1	30	232	18
Edgewood	1	30	76	18
Fountaindale	1	30	117	18
Friendship	2	40	164	24
Funkstown	1	20	100	18
Greensburg	2	43	152	3 6
Highfield	1	30	147	18
Howard Street				
City	3	41	205	54
Hancock	4	114	679	72
Locust Grove	1	28	298	18
Leitersburg	1	28	99	18
Lane's Run	1	20	57	12
Mapleville	1	30	162	18
Mt. Union	1	30	155	18
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Work With the Schools--Continued.

SCHOOLS	Class Rooms	Books Sent	Circula- tion	Pictures
Monroe	1	30	305	18
Maugansville	1	8	112	6
New Eden	1	20	80	12
Orphan's Home	1	14	70	18
Point Salem	1	30	205	18
Pleasant Hill	1	30	115	18
Pleasant Grove	1	30	141	18
Rohrersville	1	30	272	18
Ringgold	2	32	160	24
Surrey				
City	6	46	230	97
Saint Paul's	2	40	175	24
Sylvan Grove	1	20	69	12
Smoketown	1	13	65	18
Sandy Hook	2	30	312	36
Smithsburg	2	48	349	36
Sharpsburg	1	4	20	8
St. Joseph's				
City	1	9	45	
Wilson's	1	30	218	18
Winter Street				
City	15	179		270
Williamsport	9	81		108
White Oak Forest	2	36	175	36
1912 Total	116	1978	11082	1817
				
1911 Total	110	1599	8288	1561
Gain	6	379	2794	256

CIRCULATION AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1911-1912.

2	2.49	.43	1.21	4.80	66.	1.56	1.45	1.47	3.60	75.91	.16	1.70	1.92	2.31
Total	1825 2		899 1		737		1069 1	1085 1	2658 3	56083 75	122	1253 1	1421 1	1708
Sept.	29	24	56	229	74	103	69	78	168	3739	12	79	118	111
Aug.	100	24	39	305	49	81	20	71	143	3981	ಣ	66	09	101
	86	30	58	247	55	20	61	74	163	4059	4	98	09	83
	110						54		152		0			87
May .	115	21	99	205	35	29	92	62	15			61		95
Apr.	154	25	20	243	37	66	94	62	107	4237		22	98	110
Mar.	259	34	118	431	96	117	170	143	344	6410	17	174	178	213
	228	43	86	335	85	136	118	134	315	6200	2	161	248	224
Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb.	220	30	89	335	22	120	127	80	389	5463	11	114	143	193
Dec.	172	26	91	317	112	143	638	66	342	5182	17	136	169	207
Nov.	183	24	100	329	89	91	101	115	226	5341	6	129	137	182
Oct.	119	24	72	333	37	20	09	89	158	3222	18	69	22	96
	General Works	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	Fiction	General History	Travel	Biography	History by Countries

Total

Population of Washington County (Estimated)	50,000
Population of Hagerstown (Estimated)	20,000
Area of County (Square Miles)	500
Area of City (Acres)	1,152
Number of volumes in Library	23,603
Number of volumes loaned, 1911-12	102,210
Circulation per volume	41
Number of volumes in Library for each inhabitant	1-3
Number of schools in city for white children	9
Number of schools in city for colored children	1
Number of graded schools in the County	30
Number of ungraded schools for whites in County	87
Number of ungraded schools for colored children in	
County	7
Number of class rooms including High Schools in	
City (white)	71
Number of class rooms for colored children in City	5
Number of teachers in City and County	260
Number of pupils in public schools (City and County)	10,155
Number of private schools in City	3
Books sent to schools, 1911	1,599
Books sent to schools, 1912	1,978
Circulation of books in schools, 1911	8,288
Circulation of books in schools, 1912	11,082

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Washington Receipts.

1911, Oct. 1, Balance in Interest Account\$	2,000	00
1911, Oct. 1, Balance in Cash	10	67
1912 Received from Atlantic Coast Line	2,500	00
Received from County	1,500	00
Received from City	1,000	00
Received from Gift of Mr. Kealhofer	2,500	00
Received from Interest	5 6	70
Received from Fines, rental of books	343	85
Received from Miscellaneous sources	131	00

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County Free Library From Oct. 1st, 1911 to Oct. 1st, 1912.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries\$	3,768	94
Books and periodicals	1,803	72
Binding	595	33
Printing and advertising	196	22
Repairs	889	20
Equipment	961	08
Supplies	204	69
County extension	229	82
Light	333	92
Heat	172	24
Water	18	97
Telephone	38	21
Express, freight and postage	266	02
Miscellaneous	136	98
Oct. 1, 1912, balance in cash	37	48
Oct. 1, 1912, balance in bank	389	40

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List of Periodicals in Reading Room.

MONTHLY.

American City

American Homes and Gar-

dens

American Monthly Review

of Reviews

Atlantic Monthly

Bookman

Catholic World

Century Magazine

Chautauquan

Craftsman

Cumulative Index to Per-

iodicals

Dress

Forum

Garden Magazine

Good Housekeeping

Harper's Bazar

Harper's Magazine

House Beautiful

International Studio

Ladies' Home Journal

Lippincott's Magazine

Lutheran Woman's Work

McClure's Magazine

Munsey's Magazine

Nineteenth Century

North American Review

Open Court

Cuting

Popular Science Monthly

Records of the Past

School Arts Book

Scribner's Magazine

Strand

World's Work

BI-MONTHLY AND WEEKLY.

American Architect

Chicago Dial

Churchman

Collier's Weekly

Country Life in America

Fliegende Blatter

Forest and Stream

Gartenlaube

Graphic

Harper's Weekly

Illustrated London News

Life

Literary Digest

Littell's Living Age

Nation, The

Outlook

Reformed Church Messenger

Scientific American

Survey

Vogue

PERIODICALS IN CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Bird Lore

St. Nicholas

Children's Magazine

Youth's Companion

Harper's Weekly

TO BE OBTAINED AT THE DESK.

The Daily Mail

The Morning Herald

The Evening Globe

NEWSPAPERS.

The Boonsboro Times

The Morning Herald

The Daily Mail

The Hancock Star

The Evening Globe

